

## **Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes – June 27, 2016**

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

### **Attendees:**

**Commissioners:** Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Barbara Jirsa, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer and Jennifer Kacsmarek. Also present: **Staff:** Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant.

**Absent:** Commissioner Lin Garretson; Alternates Angela Bovo and Carole Weakens.

### **Call to Order**

**Chair Anne Schaefer**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Chair Anne Schaefer.

**Approval of May 23, 2016 Minutes** – The meeting minutes of May 23, 2016 were approved by the Commission via email.

### **Budget and Financial Report Year-End 2015**

**Colleen Rupke**

- 2015 Carry forward \$4,292.00
- 2016 Budget \$32,300.00 (includes \$6,500 4Culture Grant)
- 2016 Additional \$1,000.00 4Culture Grant
- 2015-2016 Mid-Bi Adjustment \$10,000.00
  - **2016 TOTAL BUDGET \$47,592.00**
- 2016 Expenditures to Date: **\$9,116.87**
- 2016 Balance: **\$38,475.13**

Rupke reported that Commissioner Steve Wright's budget line item for theater is still in the negative and asked the Commission if they would like to allocate additional funds in the amount of \$501.37 to that line item to cover the balance. Rupke also discussed Commissioner Shedd's Roundabout Art budget. She advised that the Commission allocated \$3,500 last year for the roundabout art. That amount was not expended until 2016 at the completion and installation of the sculptures. The final amount paid for the 2015 commissioned roundabout art was \$3,832.51 (which was the \$3,500 plus sales tax). However, only \$3,500 of the carry-forward amount was applied to the 2016 budget line item. The result was that it reduced the \$5,000 allocated to this line item in 2016. Commissioned roundabout art for 2016 is already anticipated to cost \$5,000 plus tax (\$475). The Commission may wish to consider dedicating additional funds to cover last year's sales tax overage and the sales tax overage for this year's art, the grand total of which would be \$807.51.

***Commissioner Rosenow moved that both line items (Theater and Roundabouts) be provided the recommended additional funds of \$501.37 for Theater and \$807.51 for Roundabouts. Commissioner Jirsa seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous support.***

**Dedication Piece****Barbara Jirsa**

Commissioner Jirsa reported that she is working with Colleen Rupke on the planning stages for this bronze memorial piece in memory of the late Joe Guinasso. Commissioner Jirsa reported that she had a few artists who could help with the bronze work but their turnaround time is not quick enough for our purposes. As a result, she thinks it would be better to go with a vendor that Colleen has made contact with who created and made the bronze memorial plaque for Guinasso for Newport High School in Bellevue recently, a picture of which was shared with the Commission previously.

**Roundabout Art****Claradell Shedd**

Commissioner Shedd reported that the contract is now ready for Artist Zold to review and sign. The contract period for these four new pieces will extend to 12/31/17 at the request of the artist. He will not likely take that long, but if his work carries into the next year, the money will carry forward like it did this year for last year's sculptures. Artist Zold is currently working on sculpture designs.

Commissioner Shedd reported that she was approached by a citizen who requested the trees be trimmed in their roundabout in order to better view the installed sculpture. The citizen also asked why uplighting or solar lighting couldn't be used for these art pieces. Commissioner Shedd explained to the citizen the limitations which prevented lighting in the roundabouts. Commissioner Shedd reported that she is in the process of talking to homeowners at 244<sup>th</sup> and Main by the Plateau Club about their roundabout and getting their input. With regard to the roundabout at Stan Chapin Way, Commissioner Shedd is working with Stan Chapin's family on ideas and discussing the possibility of tying in a school theme at that location, since it is the entrance road to Eastlake High School, and also since he was their Resource Officer.

Commissioner Shedd reported that they are working on a Kokanee sculpture design for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway entrance to Inglewood Hill Road. Plans are for two installations of Kokanee sculptures at that location—one coming down Inglewood Hill Road toward the Parkway and the other coming up the Parkway to Inglewood Hill Road. These should be the viewing angles for the two installations.

**Bollywood Dance Event****Priti Joshi**

Commissioner Joshi reported that her Bollywood Dance Event is slated for August 27 at the Sammamish Teen Center. Colleen is working on the flyer and Commissioner Joshi requested that it include that the event is free. Tickets or registration will also be available through Brown Paper Tickets. Colleen will set this up. Commissioner Joshi requested that the Commission grant her a budget amount of \$1,500 for her event.

***Commissioner Jirsa moved that \$1,500 be allocated to the Bollywood Dance event and Commissioner Iyer seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.***

Commissioners encouraged Commissioner Joshi to be firm about the event/music ending at 9pm. They also requested that wording be put in the event flyer that “due to noise restrictions, the event will end at 9:00pm on the dot.”

Commissioner Joshi reported that members of the church located in the pink building on 228th would like to come to the next meeting and give a presentation and ask for partnership on supporting their Holy Festival. Chair Schaefer advised that she will get back to Commissioner Joshi on whether this can be done in July. Commissioner Shedd suggested that it might be better to hold this presentation in September. This would allow the Commission to debrief community response to the Bollywood event in August.

## **2016 Year End Calendar**

### **Farmer’s Market**

**Anne Schaefer**

Chair Schaefer advised that she is working on getting the Arts Commission space in a booth at the Market sometime in August. She asked the Commission to consider availability for manning that booth.

### **Poetry Haiku**

**Anne Schaefer**

Chair Schaefer reported that plans are underway to have Michael Dillan Welch Head up an event *Haiku on Sticks*. She would like to tie this event into the Commission’s booth at Farmer’s Market. Commissioner Garretson is working with him on that. Chair Schaefer would like to be able to provide Welch a stipend for his efforts. She reported that \$250 dedicated to the poetry event earlier this year was not expended and suggested using that amount for the stipend payment to Welch.

***Commissioner Shedd moved that the unexpended \$250, originally allotted to the poetry event earlier in the year, now be allocated to a stipend payment to Michael Dillan Welch for Haiku on Sticks. Commissioner Jirsa seconded the motion, and the motion carried with unanimous approval.***

### **55+ Art Class**

**Anne Schaefer**

Chair Schaefer reported that she is waiting to hear back from ArtEast on available dates for a 55+ art class. She is hoping for September but it could be as late as November. She will keep the Commission apprised.

### **Theater Production / Continuation**

**Claradell Shedd**

Commissioner Shedd reported that she had a meeting of the Repertory Collective recently (Commissioner Wright’s private non-profit group) and they are still trying to decide whether or not they will continue the non-profit. The group has the mechanisms in place to continue if they so decide and maybe the Arts Commission could simply provide sponsorship of it or for specific events. Commissioner Shedd will keep the Commission apprised.

Commissioner Shedd reported that someone inside of the original Collective group has offered to produce another Teen Talent Show later this year. Also, two local schools have stepped forward and requested that the cast of Hansel and Gretel perform this same production again for the schools this year. The original cast is still intact. Performances of both wouldn't have any connection to the Repertory Collective. Someone has offered to provide the set. The schools will provide the venue. The Commission might consider providing the cost of the flyers. Commissioners expressed a desire to support the reprise of this production.

***Commissioner Rosenow moved that the Commission allocate \$250 to the Teen Talent Show and \$250 to the reprise of Hansel and Gretel to fund the printing of programs for each. Commissioner Kacsmarek seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.***

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Gail Baker Art Exhibit (MOC) – June 28 – October 28
- David Allison Art Exhibit – July 11 – October 7
- David Allison Artist's Opening Reception – July 21 - Thursday
- Sammamish Nights – August 20
- Bollywood Dance Event – August 27
- Fall Senior Art Program – September TBD
- Sammamish Arts Fair – October 8-9
- Art Exhibit – October 14, 2016 – January 13, 2017
- Gen-Fusion workshop – November TBD
- Theater of Possibility – November TBD
- Holiday Theater Performance – December TBD

### **Renaissance School Exhibit**

**Barbara Jirsa**

Commissioner Jirsa reported that sometime in January (rather than in October as originally planned) the City may host the Renaissance School Exhibit. Commissioner Jirsa is working with a representative of that school on a potential three-pronged approach as an alternative to an artist's reception. This approach might incorporate such programs as the Women Painters of Washington and the Junior League of Seattle. This is still in the planning stages. As details become more concrete, Commissioner Jirsa will advise the Commission.

### **2017 Budget Requests**

**Anne Schaefer**

***Chair Schaefer asked that all Commissioners prepare concrete proposals for the 2017 calendar and bring those to the September Commission meeting*** so that the Commission's 2017 budget can be hammered out.

### **Permanent Public Art**

Commissioner Rosenow gave a visual presentation identifying locations throughout the City which could host permanent public art: Mars Hill campus; Inglewood Hill RD and East Lake Sammamish Parkway entrance; center islands on that roadway; Sammamish Landing (Commissioner Jirsa expressed concern with the parking and size of the park at

this park that needs to be corrected first); parking lot across from Sammamish Landing; bottom of Inglewood Hill Road parking lot near the path that leads to the Parkway Trail; the utility box location at the intersection of Louis Thompson Hill RD and East Lake Sammamish Parkway; East Lake Sammamish Shore Lane ; Ebright Creek Park; Big Rock Park; SE 4<sup>th</sup>; Lower Commons; Pine Lake Park (there are specific large rocks in that park that could be etched) Beaver Lake Park; the triangle belonging to the City on SE 24<sup>th</sup> near Beaver Lake; Beaver Lake Preserve; the barricade at Belvedere Way & Trossachs Blvd. (walkway through); entrance to Klahanie and space there that would be great for art; Park & Ride bus stop at Issaquah Pine Lake Road.

Commissioner Jirsa suggested that the Commission develop a process for deciding on the themes that should be reflected throughout the community in public art and then the selection process for the types and forms those themes would take in artwork. She stated that putting a process of this nature in place first would then help drive the decision-making for our annual budget allocations and requests.

### **Update Marketing Materials**

**Anne Schaefer**

Chair Schaefer reported that she will be updating the Commission's calendar of events and have it printed up so that it can be distributed publicly, as well as at the Farmers Markets.

### **Open discussion**

**All**

#### **Co-Chair Request**

**Anne Schaefer**

Chair Schaefer asked for someone to assist her in sharing the Chairmanship duties. Her current schedule doesn't allow her to dedicate as much time fully to the chair duties as is needed. Commissioner Kacsmarek expressed an interest. The two will discuss this further.

Chair Schaefer indicated she will not be in attendance for the July meeting and will need a Chair Pro-Tem to run the meeting. Commissioner Rosenow volunteered.

**Adjourn** – There being no further business, the Commission was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, July 25, 2016 – 6:30 pm**